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**Dr Kathleen Dermody**

Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on  
Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody

I write to correct and clarify evidence that I gave at the Additional Estimates hearing held on 13 February 2013 concerning Project LAND 121 Phase 3A (Lightweight and Light Capability) – Acquisition of Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific G-Wagons and Haulmark Australia Trailers.

In answer to a question from Senator Ian McDonald (Page 42 of *Proof Committee Hansard* on Wednesday 13 February 2013), I stated that as at 21 January, 859 vehicles had been delivered, predominately to Queensland based units. This information requires clarification because although 859 vehicles had been accepted by the Commonwealth, only 338 vehicles had been issued to units. I therefore suggest my response could be clarified to state “as at 21 January, we have had 859 vehicles delivered *and of these, 338 issued* predominately to Queensland based units”.

In answer to a question on notice from Senator Ian McDonald (Page 43 of *Proof Committee Hansard* on Wednesday 13 February 2013), I stated “*There is a three-year warranty on the vehicle on acceptance of the vehicle by the Commonwealth or on 1 January 2013, whichever happens later*” (Page 74). This information was incorrect because the acceptance date is 1 January **2012**, not 2013.

I apologise for any misunderstanding that may have arisen.

Yours sincerely

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